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1. INFORMATION CONTAINED BELOW WAS PREPARED BY DEPT. OF
AGRICULTURE IN COORDINATION WITH STATE AND COMMERCE.
STATE 274767 REPRESENTED AID/W INPUT.
PLEASE DISREGARD PARA 4 OF THAT CABLE.

2. TRITICALE IS GROWN IN US, AND THER HAS BEEN A
GOOD DEAL OF PROMOTION OF THE NEW CROP IN RECENT YEARS.
WE HAVE NO DATA ON ACREAGE OR VOLUME OF PRODUCTION.
ESTIMATES PLACE TOTAL AREA PLANTED TO TRITICALE IN U.S.
AT LESS THAN ONE MILLION ACRES.

3. THERE ARE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT STRAINS OF TRITICALE
BEING PLANTED. GENERALLY, YIELDS HAVE BEEN LOWER THAN
WHEAT UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS WITH PROTEIN CONTENT
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USUALLY HIGHER THAN WHEAT. LYSINE CONTENT ALSO HIGHER

THAN FOR WHEAT.

4. THE GRAIN IS BEING USED FOR FLOUR PRODUCTION AND ANIMAL FEED WITH QUITE FAVORABLE RESULTS COMPARED TO WHEAT.

5. WORLD BANK HERE CONFIRMS THAT CIMMYT WORKING WITH TRITICALE IN SOME AREAS OF WORLD, BUT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT

THEY ANTICIPATE WORK IN SUDAN.

6. TRITICALE IS NOT A MAJOR CROP IN US AT PRESENT, BUT IN FUTURE MAY FIND A PLACE IN CROPPING SYSTEM IN CERTAIN PARTS OF US SUCH AS TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, NORTH DAKOTA AND OKLAHOMA. IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE AS AN ALTERNATIVE CROP UNDER PRODUCTION CONTROL PROGRAM, AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL GRAIN STANDARDS UNDER WHICH TRITICALE WILL BE TRADED.

7. WESTERN STATE TRADING COMPANY LISTED IN DUNN AND BRADSTREET WITH CALIFORNIA ADDRESS, BUT DEPT. COMMERCE OFFICE THERE COULD UNCOVER NO INFORMATION ON THE FIRM. THEY KNOW OF NO CONNECTION BETWEEN WSTC AND TRIAD. DEPT. OF COMMERCE IS REQUESTING D & B REPORT WHICH WILL BE POUCHED POST.

8. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS PERTAINING TO TRITICALE ARE BEING FORWARDED BY AIR POUCH. KISSINGER

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